#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVENUE

# LETTER OF FINDINGS NUMBER: 98-0174P Adjusted Gross Income Tax Fiscal Year Ended 03/31/91

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### ISSUE(S)

# **I.** <u>Tax Administration</u> – Penalty

**Authority:** IC 6-8.1-10-2.1(d); 45 IAC 15-11-2

Taxpayer protests the penalty assessed.

### **II. Tax Administration** – Interest

**Authority:** IC 6-8-1-10-1

Taxpayer protests the interest assessed.

### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Taxpayer, an Indiana corporation, protests penalties and interest assessed for fiscal year ended March 30, 1991.

Upon audit it was discovered that the Taxpayer failed to file returns for fiscal years ended March 31, 1990 and March 31, 1991. The department applied the 1990 overpayment plus interest to the 1991 liability, Taxpayer remitted a check for the 1991 base tax with a request for the waiver of penalty and interest on March 4, 1998.

# I. <u>Tax Administration</u> – Penalty

### **DISCUSSION**

Taxpayer protests the penalty assessed and states it believed the tax returns had previously been filed by his spouse. Taxpayer asserts that the non-filing of the returns was an honest oversight.

Oversight in the filing of a return is not reasonable cause; therefore, the penalty may not be waived.

# **FINDING**

Taxpayer's protest is denied.

# **II.** Tax Administration - Interest

# **DISCUSSION**

Taxpayer protests the interest assessed.

The department has no authority to waive interest.

# **FINDING**

Taxpayer's protest is denied

# **CONCLUSION**

Taxpayer's protest is denied for Issues I and II.

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